

Sage Valley Middle School
Registration 2017-2018
6th Grade Electives

Student's Name: First _____ Last _____

6th Grade Students will take the following **4 semester electives**, unless they choose one of the yearlong electives.

4 Semester Electives

Computer – Required

6 PE – Required

Art

Health

If you would like to participate in a yearlong elective, such as Choir, Band or Music, please select **this** elective below. This yearlong elective will replace Art and Health, because PE and Computers are required electives.

Yearlong Electives

6 Choir _____

6 Band _____

6 Orchestra _____

Parent Signature _____

Course Descriptions

Computer Applications:

The 6th grade computer class emphasizes keyboarding. Students learn all of the letters and special keys, and type a variety of lessons that are designed to improve their words per minute. The district goal for 6th graders is to type 30 words per minute. Students also learn how to use Microsoft Office Word and Power Point which is project based learning that incorporates a variety of other subjects.

6th Art Appreciation:

In Beginning Art students explore the basics of Art. We study the elements of design, learn about color and shading. With the focus on drawing, we cover perspective drawing, value shading studies, creating the basic forms and contour drawing. We also look at watercolor techniques and the basis of painting a successful picture. This class is designed for the beginner and students that have not had formal art classes. It is a great starting point to help you prepare for 7th grade Intermediate Art and 8th grade Advanced Art later in the years that follow.

Beginning Band:

Beginning Band is the first level of the band program at Sage Valley Middle School. In Beginning Band there is no prior musical experience required. In this class fundamental music skills necessary to read and perform music are taught. Students will have the opportunity to choose and learn a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. They will also perform at a number of concerts throughout the year.

6th Choir:

6th choir is an introductory choral music class open to all 6th graders interested in singing and is a yearlong class, no previous experience is necessary. Students will learn the fundamentals of vocal production as well music reading and writing skills. Students will sing music from a variety of musical styles, time periods and cultures. Students will be given several opportunities throughout the year to perform.

Physical Education:

Physical Education will be an introduction to fitness activities, lifetime sports, and skill components. Fitness activities will be designed to enhance and build the student's five components of fitness (cardio respiratory fitness, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility and body composition).

Beginning Orchestra:

Beginning Orchestra is the first level of the Orchestra program at Sage Valley Middle School. Learn to play violin, viola, cello or bass, with no prior musical experience required. You will learn how to play the instrument, tuning, ear training, musicianship and other techniques required for an Orchestra ensemble. They will also perform at a number of concerts throughout the year.